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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS EXONERATES NATIONAL GUARD LEADERSHIP; NEW  
GRIVAS LEAFLET

REF: NICOSIA 1753

SUMMARY: ARCHBISHOP DECLARES MAINLAND GREEKS IN  
NATIONAL GUARD NOT INVOLVED IN "APOLLO PLAN". GRIVAS  
LEAFLET REBUTS RECENT GOC CHARGES AND PLEDGES CON-  
TINUED STRUGGLE FOR FULL ENOSIS. RECENT BOMBINGS AGAINST PROPERT  
OF COMMUNISTS. END SUMMARY

1. AUGUST 22 ARCHBISHOP ISSUED CAREFULLY WORDED STATE-  
MENT EXONERATING MAINLAND GREEK OFFICERS AND NG LEADER-  
SHIP FROM ANY INVOLVEMENT IN SO-CALLED APOLLO PLAN, AS  
SOME PRESS "MISINTERPRETATIONS" OF PIO'S AUGUST 11 STATE-  
MENT (REFTEL) HAD SUGGESTED. ARCHBISHIP ADDED, HOWEVER,  
THAT DOCUMENTS FOUND BY GOC DID SHOW GRIVAS INFILTRATION  
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OF NG AND THAT "SEVERAL GREEK CYPRIOT SOLDIERS AND

OFFICERS" ERE MEMBERS EOKA-B. FINALLY, ARCHBISHIP  
COMPLIMENTED NG LEADERSHIP AND GREEK OFFICERS FOR  
STRENGTHENING ISLAND'S DEFENSE.

2. SAME DAY GRIVAS LEAFLET CIRCULATED IN LIMASSOL RE-  
JECTING RECENT GOC CHARGES THAT HE (1) WILLING MAKE  
TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS OF ANY KIND TO TURKEY IN EXCHANGE  
FOR ENOSIS AND (2) HE ASPIRING TO POWER FOR HIMSELF. RE-  
ITERATED CRITIQUE OF CONSTANTOPOULOS PROPOSAL (REFTEL); LEAFLET  
ATTACKED MAKARIOS AS TRUE PARTITIONIST THIRSTING FOR CON-  
TINUED POWER AND ALSO CRITICIZED INTERCOMMUNAL  
TALKS AS PARTITIONIST. AGAIN CHARGED MAKARIOS  
WITH FALSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS. IN PLEDGING CONTINUED  
STRUGGLE FOR ATTAINMENT "GENUINE ENOSIS" LEAFLET NOTED,  
PERHAPS SIGNIFICANTLY, THAT "TREE DOES NOT DRY UP EVEN  
THOUGH SOME LEAVES OR EVEN BRANCHES FALL OFF".

3. MEANWHILE, SPORADIC BOMBINGS CONTINUED SINCE WEEK-  
END ACROSS ISLAND. NO CLEAR PATTERN EMERGES YET, THOUGH  
POSSIBLY OMINOUS PORTENT IS FACT THAT THREE TARGETS EVENING  
AUGUST 20 IN NICOSIA WERE ALL PROPERTY OF PEO (COMMUNIST  
UNION) MEMBERS, ONE OF WHOM IS BROTHER PEO SEC GEN  
ZIARTIDES

4. FINALLY, NEW TRIAL UNDERWAY AGAINST RIGHTIST "PATRIS"  
FOR USE OF WORD "MOUSKOS" IN REFERRING TO ARCHBISHOP.  
THREE OTHER PAPERS--"ETHNIKI", "GNOMI" (STILL NOT BACK  
IN PUBLICATION), AND "MESIMVRINI"-- FACE TRIAL ON SAME  
CHARGE.

5. COMMENT: HAVING SCORED A POINT IN HIS LONG-TERM  
CAMPAIGN AGAINST PRO-GRIVAS GREEK NG OFFICER, BY  
LINKING THEM TO COUP ATTEMPT, MAKARIOS MAY BE BACKING  
WATER IN RESPONSE TO EXPRESSIONS OF ANGER FROM ATHENS.  
(CONTINUED DELAY IN RETURN OF GREEK AMB MAY HAVE BEEN  
SIGNAL OF SUCH ANGER.) BY HIS GRUDGING STATEMENT, MAKARIOS  
HAS PROBABLY EATEN ENOUGH CROW TO MOLLIFY ATHENS FOR THE  
MOMENT.

THIS REGARD, TODAY'S "MAKHI" SPECULATES LAGACOS WILL NOW  
HASTEN HIS RETURN TO CYPRUS.

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6. GRIVAS' REVEALING METAPHOR RE LOSS OF MEMBERS UN-  
DOUBTEDLY MEANT TO BOOST MORALE IN WAKE RECENT LOSSES.  
THIS WEEK "ETHNIKI" HAS PLAYED UP THEME--AS EXPLANATION  
PRESENT GRIVASITE INACTIVITY--THAT GENERAL HAS OFFERED ARCH-  
BISHOP "TRUCE" TO CONSIDER AND IMPLEMENT "FIVE POINTS"  
(NICOSIA 1694) EARLIER POSITED AS CONDITIONS FOR RELEASE OF  
MINJUSTICE VAKIS.

MANY GREEKS, AND VIRTUALLY ALL TURKS, BELIEVE  
GENERAL STILL HAS MUCH FIGHT LEFT. WE INCLINE TO THINK HE  
MAY BE HURTING, AND POSSIBLY, ALSO UNDER SOME DEGREE OF  
INTERDICTION FROM ATHENS

7. RE BOMBINGS, OBVIOUS DANGER IN GOING AFTER PEO OR  
AKEL TARGETS IS CHANCE OF BRINGING COMMUNISTS INTO FIGHT,  
LEADING TO GENUINE CIVIL WAR HERE (NICOSIA 1694). WE DOUBT  
THIS IS WHAT GRIVAS IS DOING. PROVOCATION BY LYSSARIDES IS  
DISTINCT POSSIBILITY.  
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